



Comptroller General  
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

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## Decision

**Matter of:** Federal Computer International Corporation--  
Reconsideration

**File:** B-257618.2

**Date:** July 14, 1994

Chris Petty for the protester.

### DIGEST

Mere allegation of improper agency evaluation, made "on information and belief," without any supporting explanation or documentation, does not satisfy the requirement that a protest provide a detailed statement of legal and factual grounds.

### DECISION

Federal Computer International Corporation (FCIC) requests reconsideration of our June 30, 1994, dismissal of its protest of the Department of the Air Force's award under solicitation No. F04699-94-R-0038.

We deny the request for reconsideration.

FCIC originally protested to our Office on June 15, 1994, stating only that "[u]pon information and belief, [FCIC] asserts that if the . . . Air Force had evaluated . . . in accordance with the RFP criteria, [FCIC]'s proposal and not [the awardee's] would have been most advantageous to the government"; it provided no further explanation or documentation to substantiate its claim. On June 30, we dismissed the protest for failure to establish a basis for challenging the agency's actions.

On reconsideration, FCIC states that our decision indicates that protesters need only provide "EITHER allegations OR evidence sufficient" [emphasis is original] to establish the likelihood that the protester will prevail, and that its protest, as stated above, provided that allegation. The protester misunderstands the requirement. Protesters must provide more than a bare allegation; the allegation must be supported by some explanation that establishes the likelihood that the protester will prevail in its claim of improper agency action. As stated in our Bid Protest Regulations, protests must "set forth a detailed statement;

of legal and factual grounds of protest including copies of relevant documents." [Emphasis added.] 4 C.F.R. § 21.1(c)(4) (1994). The protester's allegation, without any explanation of how the evaluation was improper, was insufficient to form a basis of protest and satisfy our filing requirements. Therefore, we have no basis for reconsidering our prior decision.

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